United States and if so, what was the response from United States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl K. NATWAR SINGH): Pakistan's nuclear programme was one of the issues that was discussed by Prime Minister with President Reagan on 20 October, 1987. In this context the US President urged both India and Pakistan to deal with the threat of nuclear proliferation in the region. India cannot accept any approach equating her peaceful programme with Pakistan's nuclear programme with its apparent non-peaceful dimensions.

Nuclear Programme of Pakistan

656. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have expressed their unhappiness to the Government of Pakistan in regard to their Nuclear Programme; and

(b) if so, the attitude of the Pakistan Government in this regard?

- THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan claims that its nuclear programme is peaceful in nature. However, the fact that Pakistan is pursuing a weapons-oriented nuclear programme is now extensively documented and well-known the world over.

Electoral reforms

657. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to bring about electoral reforms in the country;

(b) if so, what are the proposed reforms; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to shift the reservations from one constituency to another?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) and (b) The Election Commission has formulated certain proposals for electoral reforms which are under the consideration of the Government. A statement regarding such proposals was laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 181 for 17th November, 1986. Another statement setting out some more proposals received from the commission was also laid on the Table of the House in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 91 for 27th July, 1987.

(c) This proposal is linked with the proposal for delimitation of constituencies which is part of the comprehensive proposals under consideration.

Facilities to Office-bearers of Recognised Service Association of Central Government Employees

658. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some f acilities/benefits/immunities are granted to Office-bearers of recognised service associations of Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the dates since when these have been in force; and

(d) the earlier provisions in thte regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM), (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Statement is enclosed.